

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

AUGUST 31, 1999

**FROM: JAMES F. WHITE, DIRECTOR
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SUBJECT: PY 1999-2000 FOOD SERVICES AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Preschool Services Department (PSD) agreements with the following agencies for food services during Program Year 1999-2000.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agreement No.</u>
Lucerne Valley Unified School District	\$ 15,323.80	
Morongo Unified School District	\$ 49,599.00	
San Bernardino City Unified School District	\$ 320,657.40	
Silver Valley Unified School District	\$ 38,466.00	
Sivaland Child Dev. Centers Inc.	\$ 106,207.50	
Upland Unified School District	\$ 63,537.50	
Preferred Meals Systems, Inc.	\$ 743,512.00	
Total Amount	\$1,337,303.20	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On May 25, 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved PSD's continuing grant application for the thirty-fifth year of operations of the Federal Head Start Program in San Bernardino County. The program provides comprehensive child development services to low income preschool aged children and their families throughout the county. These agreements will provide 3,958 lunches each day of operation for children at Newberry Springs, Ft. Irwin, Lucerne Valley, Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, and Upland, and multiple Head Start sites in San Bernardino, Fontana, Redlands, and Rialto.

A planned Request for Proposal (RFP) process for these services was postponed until November, 1999, due to the amount of time required to conduct a thorough process, and the need to provide food services before an RFP could be completed. The RFP process takes at least 9 months to complete. When PSD realized that it couldn't complete the process before classes began in September 1999, it was decided to use the contractors who provided services in 1998-99. It is expected that the RFP process will be completed in June 2000, when Head Start classes are ending for the summer. These agreements are traditionally one-year contracts, since most contractors are school districts and have requested that the agreements be structured that way. Additionally, funding is on a year-to-year basis.

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The above contractors were selected as best suited to provide food services to the aforementioned centers, based upon affordable cost, efficiency and their years of successful food services performance with PSD. Four of these contractors are also landlords for Head Start sites. These agreements are effective September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The PSD Policy Council approved the annual program application on May 12, 1999, which included the need for food services for children. These agreements have been reviewed and approved by Chief Deputy County Counsel, Ruth Stringer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: PSD has included the cost of these agreements totaling \$1,337,303.20 in its FY 1999-2000 budget, which is funded entirely by Federal and State funds. There is no County cost

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S): All

PRESENTER: James F. White, Director, Preschool Services Department